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MEXICO FOR REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE

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SUBJ: LATIN AMERICAN TUNA DEVELOPMENTS

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1. RE PARA 2 OF REFTTEL, ON DECEMBER 28, 1977 THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT ISSUED DECREE # 740 WHICH IS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE AND REGULATE THE EXPLOITATION OF TUNA AND SIMILAR FISH IN URUGUAYAN WATERS AS WELL AS THE INSTALLATION OF TUNA PROCESSING PLANTS ON SHORE (A COPY IS BEING POUCHED TO MR. DENNIS WEIDER, FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPECIALIST, NMFS/NOAA, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE). IN BRIEF, THE DECREE REQUIRES FIRMS INTERESTED IN EXPLOITING THE COMMERCIAL TUNA GROUNDS OF THIS COUNTRY TO PRESENT THE URUGUAYAN INSTITUTE OF FISHERIES (INAPE) WITH THEIR INVESTMENT PROJECTS FOR PRIOR APPROVAL. SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET BEFORE PROJECTS WILL BE APPROVED.

2. FURTHER TO PARA 2 OF REFTTEL, REPORTEDLY THERE EXISTS A JOINT VENTURE PROPOSAL FROM THE JAPANESE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TUNA PROCESSING FACILITY IN URUGUAY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSAL WILL BE MADE PUBLIC SHORTLY.  
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UNCONFIRMED STATEMENTS FROM PRIVATE SOURCES ESTIMATE THE COMBINED JAPANESE-ROC-ROK TUNA FLEET FISHING IMMEDIATELY OUTSIDE OF URUGUAYAN WATERS AT ABOUT 160 VESSELS OF WHICH 40 PERCENT ARE JAPANESE AND 30 PERCENT EACH FOR THE OTHER TWO COUNTRIES. THESE LONG-LINERS HAVE A CREW OF 16 AND OPERATE FROM MONTEVIDEO. CATCHES ARE STORED IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND PRIVATE COLD STORAGE CHAMBERS UNDER GUARD AS IN-BOND MATERIAL

AND SHIPPED OUT OF MONTEVIDEO ON REGULAR MERCHANT VESSELS.  
FIGURES ON IN-TRANSIT TUNA SHIPMENTS ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE,  
BUT HAVE BEEN PROMISED BY INAPE. AS SOON AS EMBASSY OBTAINS  
STATISTICS, THEY WILL BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON.  
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